

What is claimed is:

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1 1. A sealed battery, comprising:
2 a generator element that is an electrode group
3 impregnated with electrolyte;
4 an external casing that has an opening and
5 encloses the generator element;
6 a closure cap for sealing the opening, the closure
7 cap having a gas release valve that is formed by covering
8 a gas release hole in the closure cap with a thin film;
9 and
10 a shielding member that is located between the
11 thin film and the generator element to protect the thin
12 film from the electrolyte so as to secure a gas channel
13 from an internal space of the external casing to the gas
14 release hole.

1 2. The sealed battery according to Claim 1, wherein a
2 space is provided between the shielding member and the
3 thin film to allow gas to flow from the internal space of
4 the external casing to the gas release hole.

1 3. The sealed battery according to Claim 2, wherein
2 the shielding member is a plate set in parallel with the
3 thin film.

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1 6. The sealed battery according to one of Claims 1 to
2 5, wherein

1 7. The sealed battery according to one of Claims 1 to
2 5, wherein

6 the shielding member is attached to the insulating
7 member.

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